



Governor's Forest Health ADVISORY Council Meeting

October 2, 2003 – 1:30 PM

Tucson Pima Public Library, 101 North Stone

MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Co-Chair Taylor McKinnon, Grand Canyon Trust
Co-Chair Beth Zimmerman, Arizona Department of Emergency Management

Lori Faeth, Governor's Policy Advisor
Deb Hill, Coconino County
John Kennedy, AZ Game and Fish Dept.
Robert Lacapa, BIA/Fort Apache
Karl Siderits, USDA Forest Service
Ed Smith, The Nature Conservancy
Richard Van Demark, Southwest Forestry
Steve Campbell, Navajo County Cooperative Extension
Carl Edminster, USFS
Robert Lacapa, Forest Manager
Don Falk, University of Arizona
Brian Nowicki, Consultant
Thomas Swetnam, University of Arizona

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Co-chair McKinnon

The Council voted unanimously to approve minutes from August 21, 2003 and September 11, 2003.

Discussion and Action

Ethan Aumack provided a briefing on Forest Ecosystem Restoration Analysis (ForestERA), a spatial database designed to guide forest restoration and fuels reduction decision-making. Dr. Swetnam discussed a similar project that is underway at the University of Arizona and suggested that a collaborative approach be developed, although the Tucson project does not cover the same geographic area.

The Council reviewed and discussed Work Plan Goal #5, which was handed out at the meeting. Brian Nowicki and Co-Chair McKinnon volunteered to work on a draft to present to the Council for discussion at their next meeting.

Announcements and Public Comments

Rob Smith of the Sierra Club commented that he endorses the work of the Council on development of a problem statement on Work Plan Goal #5.

Future Meeting Dates – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29 in Phoenix at 1:30 p.m. A subsequent meeting was scheduled for the November 13 in

Flagstaff. The Council voted unanimously to hold subsequent meetings on the second Thursday of every month.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. by Co-Chair Taylor